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1. In early April the Central and South China Military Area Command, through the Kwangtung Military District Command, ordered the Kwangtung Communications Commission to reinforce with steel all bridges along highways in the coastal area between Canton and Chanchiang (110-30, 21-15). Each bridge is to have a capacity of twenty tons. There are 45 bridges on the highways between Canton and Swatow and 65 bridges on the highway between Canton and Chanchiang. The Canton office of the Canton-Hankow Railway Administration is to provide the steel. On 7 April an engineer squadron was sent from Canton with steel by the Kwangtung Communications Commission. Work is to be completed by mid-May.
2. On 20 April Kwangtung River Defense Headquarters ordered 16 wooden ships from the civilian-owned shipyard at Shihch'i (113-22, 22-30). According to the contract ships must be completed within ten days. These ships are to be constructed at Ch'ingyunch'iao (119-53, 30-03) and will be towed to Whampoa for the installation of motors.
3. On 23 April the Kwangtung River Defense Headquarters received 33 motor junks from the Whampoa Shipyard. These are anchored in the river in the Shihch'i area and will be sailed to the Wanshan Islands (113- , 21-) for military use.
4. On 21 April the Public Security Bureau in Canton was selecting 4,500 candidates from the hsien militia for training. The Chinese Communists are to organize a division when 10,000 men have been recruited. They also plan to organize ten more public security divisions from the local militia.
5. The military and political cadre training center which was established in Peiping is to open formally on 1 May.* A group of Communist political

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